



Bloomington-Normal Bass Club Charity Bass Tournament to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital

Date: 5-26-18

**Place: Lake Bloomington-Motors over 40HP
allowed, idle only.**

**Cost: \$100 per team (2 people) \$10 Big Bass
Pot(optional)**

Take Off: 6am

Weigh In: 2pm

Payout: 60% to 10% of field

Team Sign Up

1st Team Member:

2nd Team Member:

Rules

1. Any protest regarding the tournament must be received by the Tournament Director, or his designated director, no later than 30 minutes after the weigh-in. The Tournament Director for the tournament will rule on all protests. All protests must be submitted in writing.
2. Safety, sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation are expected from each contestant towards all fisherman.
3. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the boat during tournament hours. No fishing under the influence. No alcohol is to be consumed during the weigh-in at the

scales.

4. All boats should be at the starting point 30 minutes prior to take-off time to allow for check-in with the Tournament Director, or designee. Take off position shall be done by draw after paying entry fee.

5. Live wells and kill switches will be checked prior to take off. If a boat is late for take-off, they must find the Tournament Director, and have their live well, kill switch, and/or insurance documents checked prior to fishing.

6. Those who fail to appear at the official weigh-in area on time will be penalized 1 pound for each minute they are late. Those who fail to arrive at the ramp within 15 minutes of the ending time will lose all credit for that day.

7. You must stay in sight of your partner at all times. Exceptions to be considered: Emergencies, Restroom, Illness, Weather, and Boat Breakdown. If boat breakdown occurs, anglers may be rescued by another boat, those rescued must be in possession of their own fish only.

8. Only artificial lures are to be used. No live bait of any kind is allowed. Pork rinds, pork frogs, eels, or strips are permitted. The use of an underwater camera is prohibited during tournament hours.

9. Fish will be measured from the tip of the nose with mouth closed to the longest point of the tail using the official bump board. Once a bag of fish is turned over to the weigh master, he has the control of bumping the fish and his decision will be final. If an attempt is made to weigh a short fish as determined by the weigh master said fish will not count in total weight of the day's catch and the contestant will lose 1 pound per short fish from that day's weight. A contestant may ask for a courtesy bump prior to handing the fish to the weigh master without penalty.

10. The smallest fish or all of the fish in the bag will be measured prior to being weighed.

11. All boats must be equipped with some form of aerated live well capable of sustaining a limit of fish. A re-circulating pump is encouraged to be implemented once the boat is trailered.

12. All fishing must be done from boats. All fish must be landed by contestants within the boat. All boats must stay in the water during fishing hours.

13. Tournament contestants cannot cast within 50 yards of another contestant's boat which is anchored and the trolling motor up on a spot first without consent of said boat.

Tournament contestants must be courteous to other fisherman in regards to their fishing waters.

14. All contestants must have in their possession a U. S. Coast Guard approved life jacket or vest, and must wear it anytime the gas engine is running. All engines in use in our tournaments must be equipped with an operable ignition kill switch and cord fastened to the operator whenever the engine is running. If found in violation of this rule, the team can be disqualified.

15. Electric (trolling) motors are permitted for moving the boat into and along fishing areas. Trolling is prohibited.

16. No person may fish with more than one rod at a time, but there is no limit on the number of pre-rigged rods in the boat.

17. Boats must have proof of insurance (\$100,000 Liability minimum) for each boat used in

the tournament.

18. A full pound will be deducted from weight for each dead fish weighed in.

19. Total weight of legal fish, minus any dead fish penalties, minus any short fish penalties, minus any late penalties will determine place of finish and points awarded.

20. No more than site limit of fish per individuals may be held in the live-well at any one time.

21. Culling must occur with each successive fish caught before the next cast is made.

22. Big Bass award will go to the team with the heaviest fish for the day. Penalty weight for dead fish does not affect the outcome of this award.

23. In the case of a tie, it will be broken by most fish. If still tied, a coin flip determines the winner of that position. Positions 1 and 2 monies will be combined and split equally.